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SUBJECT: DIALOGUE WITH SYRIA ON LEBANESE SITUATION

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1. IN DISCUSSING SUBJECT OF INTERVENTION IN LEBANON
BY "FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES," I PUT STRESS ON THE TERM
"FORCES" THEREBY INDICATING WE DID NOT HAVE ONLY SYRIA
IN MIND. FURTHERMORE AT NO POINT DID I ADDRESS MYSELF
SPECIFICALLY TO A SYRIAN INTERVENTION. CONSIDER THEY
HAVE HAD NO GROUNDS TO READ INTO MY PRESENTATIONS ANY
IMPLICATION WHATEVER OF THREAT TO SYRIA. I EXPLICITLY
STATED OUR COMMENTS WERE NOT RESULT OF EITHER CONSULTA-
TION OR COLLUSION WITH ISRAELIS.

2. SHOULD FUTURE DISCUSSIONS GET MORE SPECIFIC, I WILL
MAKE POINT CONCERNING "SUBSTANTIAL INTER-ARAB FORCE"
(REFTEL PARA 1).
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